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## SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday January 4, 2017, 6:00 p.m.  
Saugatuck Township Hall  
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

### APPROVED MINUTES

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the pledge of allegiance.

**Members Present:** Jon Phillips, Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Doug Lane, Roy McIlwaine.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Manager Aaron Sheridan.

**Public Comment:** Adam Mendes asked the Board about possible medical marijuana production facility.

**Approval of Agenda:** Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich added Mendes letter as correspondence, and item F – Roads Work Order to new business. Rudich made the motion to approve the agenda, Lane supported. Additional discussion, Rudich also added Teresa Blok to possible police appointments. Agenda approved 5-0.

#### **Approval of Invoices and Minutes:**

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
  - a. Allegan Co Road Commission through State of Michigan. Total to be paid \$8,182.14.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
  - a. December 7, 2016 Meeting.

Sheridan asked the Board to consider a couple changes in the minutes. On page 2, change “spend” to invest and remove “pump station” and replace with booster station. Rudich made the motion to approve the Invoices and Minutes, second by Phillips. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

#### **Correspondence:**

- A. Adam Mendes, local resident. Sheridan explained that a zoning change would not be required, but a regulatory Ordinance would be required for medical Marijuana to be allowed in a district. McIlwaine asked if there was a Board consensus to move forward to the Planning Commission. There were no objections.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- A. ZBA Appointments. Applicants Ric Brady of Singapore Trail and Catherine Dritsas of Gaslight Lane spoke on their behalf. Phillips made the motion to appoint Dritsas to Zoning Board of Appeals and Brady as Alternate to Zoning Board of Appeals. Lane supported. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Police Committee Appointments. Sheridan spoke with the applicants previously. Sheridan also asked if applicants would serve in other capacities. Applicants Ken Giles, Marcia Tucker, Larry Hanlin spoke on their interest in joining the committee. Applicants Teresa Blok and Chris Roerig were not present. Discussion on appointing and time table for committee. Phillips made the motion to appoint Hanlin and Tucker to the police committee. Rudich supported. No discussion.

**New Business:**

- A. Parks Fund and Capital Fund Distributions. Sheridan stated that the Board had already approved assigning \$157,832 from the General Fund. Parks commissioner Jim Searing spoke about funds for proposed park projects. Discussion on assigning funds. Sheridan stated that funds annually would be assigned based on the Township audit. McIlwaine thanked the parks commission. Rudich made the motion to assign \$100,000 to the Parks Capital Fund and the remaining \$57,832 to the Capital Fund. McIlwaine supported. No further discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Road Millage Renewal. Sheridan stated that this was a renewal of a millage to be put on the May ballot. Sheridan stated that the roads fund was a necessity for maintaining the Township roads. McIlwaine ask if anything else was on the May ballot to share costs. Rudich moved the Resolution to place the road millage renewal on the May 2, 2017 ballot. McIlwaine supported. No further discussion. Roll call vote: McIlwaine, Lane, Babinski, Phillips, Rudich, all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0.
- C. MERS Service Credit. Rudich explained that the Michigan Employee Retirement System is allowing Municipalities to allow their employees to buy service credit and potentially retire early. The Township would not have any additional expense for the credit purchased. Phillips made the motion to allow the purchase of service credit. Rudich supported. Discussion on possible expenses to Township. Motion passes 4-0, McIlwaine abstained.
- D. Single Trash Hauler Discussion. Phillips started discussion on recycling providers in the Township. Republic Services will provide recycling, but residents have had issues signing up. McIlwaine would like to discuss the single trash hauler at a public hearing. Discussion on benefits of single trash hauler. Lane asked if waste hauler would be voted on a ballot, Babinski stated that it would be an Ordinance that the Board would pass. Phillips made the motion to authorize Sheridan to get quotes on single trash hauler with recycling, for an April public hearing. McIlwaine supported. No further discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- E. Cemetery Recapture. Sheridan explained that Jean McCollom asked to donate purchased grave back to the Township. Sheridan would work with Rudich to provide charitable receipt. Rudich made the motion to recapture the McCollum plot, McIlwaine seconded. No further discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- F. Road Work Order. Sheridan explained that the order was for a calcium chloride treatment for dirt roads. Sheridan explained that there is a road commission meeting coming up for Lane to attend. Phillips made the motion to approve the road work order for salt treatments, Rudich seconded. No further discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. Did not meet.
- B. Road Committee. No Report.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the Interurban was compiling surveys and exploring extending hours in summer.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that 13% increase in calls year to date. Community risk reduction included Elementary School education and mobile home parks smoke alarms. Donation program for Fire Department to buy jaws of life has gone well. Cost recover billed \$39,500.

- E. Harbor Authority Report. No Report.
- F. Open Board Report. McIlwaine stated that the Local Observer reported several misleading and inaccurate articles in opposition to the Township recycling program. McIlwaine called it irresponsible journalism. Phillips was hoping to have a CPR training class at the Township hall.

**Public Comment:** Patty Birkholz spoke about concerns about recycling and single trash hauler. Birkholz asked the Board to act quickly. Dick Waskin agreed with McIlwaine that there was misinformation that was printed in the Local Observer regarding the recycling proposal. Waskin was concerned about recycling. Parks Commissioner Dana Burd spoke on the proposed parks plans and was excited about possible grants. Marcia Tucker spoke about the availability of recycling with Republic. Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk